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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(Report #158 - As of 6:00 am EDT)

1. The US military attachés have expressed their views on the performance of the loyalist Dominican military leaders during the crisis. They consider that there was only one "fighting general" on the loyalist side during the insurrection, and that was General de los Santos, chief of staff of the air force. Generals Wessin y Wessin, Rivera Cuesta, Hungria, Hermida, Garcia Urbaez, Luna, and Belisario Peguero "have been and continue to be ineffective," they say. The attachés would disagree with the statement that the Dominican military have "virtually disintegrated." They point out that the air force, the navy and the training center are all intact and still control the preponderance of their equipment and forces.

2. In a joint situation report prepared by CIA and State representatives at 8:00 pm EDT last night, it is pointed out that there is an increasing number of reports of Communists and other revolutionaries "moving in the Santiago area." The Dominican military have again tightened roadblocks in and around Santiago.

State Dept. review completed

DIA review(s) completed.